

JACL and The Loyalty Oath

Commentary by Minoru Yasui

Chairman, JACL National Committee for Redress

At the Seattle hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), on September 9-10-11, it was alleged by a "witness," who self-importantly held himself out to be an "expert" researcher, referring to the segregation programs and loyalty oath of the WRA during 1943, that "The JACL created the loyalty oath... The Army and the WRA administered it. And the FBI enforced it." Hogwash!

It is ludicrous that such patently fallacious "testimony" should be dignified by a response. When such a charge is made by a light-weight "researcher" who fuels a continuing racial stereotype with his own works, perhaps that's a sufficient answer. Or, perhaps an outsider outrageously trading upon his mythological racial kinship should be ignored.

Why anyone would want to insinuate a "big lie" and mischievously exploit a canard to exacerbate a long continuing rift by a small but vocal (and worrisome) group of Japanese Americans is beyond constructive comprehension. It's almost a leaf taken directly from Hitler's book that "if a lie is big enough, and if repeated often enough, it will be accepted as truth."

By pseudo-scholarly smatterings of irrelevant documentation, by a glossing over or deliberate twisting of basic facts, and by wildly jumping to unwarranted conclusions, anything can be distorted. Our non-Japanese American "expert" has done so. He claims to be a writer—not a very logical one, but unfettered in seeking out a boogey-man—and the hallucinatory scenario he dreams is fanciful... and to those who want to be so misled...

convincing. And therein lies the real danger of eternally harping upon the self-deluding theme that JACL was responsible for the military evacuation of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942... when obviously, it wasn't so.

Our so-called "expert" suggests that Nisei writers of big ideas before camp can now only write of "little things." The out-pouring of writings after camp gives lie to that allegation.

Questions 27 and 28

He goes on further to state that registration questions No. 27 and 28 resulted in the bitter and violent splitting of Japanese Americans. It is indeed true that such tragic and traumatic splitting of the Nikkei did result. But, in perspective, this involved less than 10% of the 120,000 people involved over-all, and in retrospect, history will show that this, too, was a testing wherein a vast majority of the Nikkei came through with honor, and valor, and pride, on the home front and on the far-flung battlefields of Europe and on the islands and the land masses of Asia and in the Pacific. Can anyone in simpering sophistry diminish the magnificence of the contributions of 33,000 Nikkei who served the cause of America during World War II?

The whole issue of whether the "JACL created the loyalty oath" is so patently absurd that it scarcely merits response. Ever since the days of medieval knighthood in Europe, and even going back to the days of the Romans and Athenians, the form of loyalty oath allegedly created by JACL was its origins. Bringing it down to modern times, several thousands of times per month, the form of loyalty oath complained about is being administered in the United States. At the time of World War I, and certainly

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CWRIC may get extension of time to Dec. 31, 1982

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians may get an extension of time to complete their report, according to sources close to the CWRIC here.

A request from the Commission to Congress for an extension of its lifespan to Dec. 31, 1982 passed the House Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Review Nov. 20. The bill, HR 5021, has gone to the Judiciary Committee of the House, chaired by Rep. Peter Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.), for review.

In New York, the CWRIC held hearings in the Terrace Room of the Roosevelt Hotel on Nov. 23, and had been scheduled to hear testimony from church organizations, social and psychological experts, and Japanese Peruvians who were moved from camp to work at Seabrook Farms in Cumberland County, N.J. (Coverage of the N.Y. hearings will appear in next week's PC).

CWRIC HEARINGS: WASHINGTON

Wartime Justice Dept. official labels evacuation illegal

BY PETER IMAMURA

WASHINGTON—Labeling the Evacuation as "unconstitutional", Edward J. Ennis, former director of Alien Enemy Control of the Justice Department, said Nov. 2 to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians that monetary compensation is due the Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II.

Ennis, now a board member of the American Civil Liberties Union, noted that in 1942, Attorney General Francis Biddle, as well as himself and Assistant Attorney General James Rowe, did, "at every step of the way, oppose the evacuation."

Ennis also spoke on behalf of the ACLU, and was highly critical of the government's actions concerning the evacuation, commenting:

"It is the view of the ACLU that the mass evacuation and subsequent detention of the entire Japanese American population from the West Coast in 1942 was the greatest deprivation of civil liberties by the government in this country since slavery...

"This breach of constitutional rights should be followed by some recognition of the wrong that was done and some compensation, in some form." However, he could not give any suggestion as to what form of compensation would be appropriate, leaving it to the members of the Commission.

But he did remind the CWRIC that the government "now recognized monetary damages for violation of constitutional and civil rights" by its subordinate officials.

Opposed Evacuation

Ennis said it was a "struggle" for the Justice Department to oppose the evacuation, and that it was their view that the whole program was a "nonsensical mistake" because the government was "taking farmers and laborers from their homes when they could have better served their country intact."

As to why the Evacuation program was carried out, despite the Justice Department's opposition, Ennis could only conclude:

"The only defense that can be made in legal terms, is that the power to control includes the power to control mistakenly."

Renunciation Program

Commissioner William Marutani asked Ennis to comment on the renunciation program, which allowed persons to renounce their U.S. citizenship while living in the United States.

Ennis said he called the program a "fiasco" in a letter written to Ernest Besig, director, No. Calif. ACLU on Aug. 22, 1945.

The program was originally intended as a public relations move by the Justice Department, since the disturbances by internees at Tule Lake were getting press attention and being viewed as "evidence" proving that the interned Japanese Americans were disloyal, noted Ennis.

The Justice Department felt that if they could remove the estimated 1,000 "disloyals", it could then be said that the other reloca-

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Inouye explains why money not top redress issue

HONOLULU—Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hi.) explained Nov. 10 that the question of monetary reparations should not be the primary concern for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Rather, the main issue is to establish the historical and official record of what happened to thousands of Japa-

nese American families during the early years of World War II.

The Hawaii senator added that although he is not opposed to financial reparations in some form, this issue is not really as important as establishing a true account of what happened during the war.

Inouye's comments were

reported in the Honolulu Advertiser on Nov. 10 in wake of news service reports which said that he expressed opposition to monetary redress on Nov. 8 while speaking at a symposium at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. He had been quoted as saying that "it would be almost impossible to place a pricetag on reparations" and "it would be insulting even to try to do so."

Clarification Made

However, Inouye, who sponsored the legislation to create the Commission, said he was not against monetary payments, but in some cases, reparations may not even be worth asking for.

"It is just like a jury trial," he said. "Before you assess damages you have to try the case—was there a wrong?"

Inouye also feels that the WW2 internment could happen again, if citizens are not "constantly vigilant."

"All I can say is, yes, it can happen again," noted the senator.

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Wisconsin workers destroy Japanese flag in protest

MILWAUKEE—A Japanese flag flying in front of the Teledyne Wisconsin Motor company to honor three visiting Tokyo businessmen was hauled down and ripped up by irate workers and replaced with an American flag Nov. 19.

Workers sang "The Star Spangled Banner" as they raised the American flag, in protest of job layoffs which resulted from the company's transfer of engine business to Japan for production.

A union official said the workers resented the loss of jobs and business to the Japanese, and a lingering hatred existed among some of the World War II veterans in the work force.

John Claffey, president of Local 283 of the United Auto Workers, said Japanese representatives had studied production methods at the plant some time ago and later began producing a line of engines in Japan for distribution by Teledyne.

The resulting transfer cost the firm 50% of its engine business and 350 people had been laid off at the West Milwaukee plant as a result.

Newswoman to address Chicago JACL

CHICAGO—Linda Yu, co-anchorperson on WMAQ-TV (5) NewsCenter 5 who traveled to mainland China last year and reported her trip on network TV, will deliver the main address at the Chicago JACL's 37th annual inaugural dinner Saturday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston.

John Tani, till recently Chicago JACL president and newly elected Midwest District Governor, will be installing officer. Cambel String Quartet will play during the interlude. Tickets at \$25 per person may be reserved through JACL Midwest Office (728-7171).



The Washington JACL Chapter recently awarded its annual scholarship to David Okamoto. (l to r): Scholarship chair Wayne Yoshino; David's father, Paul Okamoto; David; and chapter president Pat Okura.

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before World War II, the forswearing of allegiance to any foreign power or potentate has been a part of such oaths. To ascribe the inclusion of such phrase to the JACL is utter nonsense. The fact that the JACL oath in 1942 contained similar language is not coincidental—thousands of oaths preceding the JACL oath contained the same or similar language. To ascribe authorship of such language to Mike M. Masaoka in 1942 is to deny several centuries of previous authorship.

Specifically, the reference to "forswearing allegiance to the emperor of Japan" was no part of the JACL oath. This specific clause was added by individuals evidently within the U.S. Army or the WRA. Insinuation that the JACL, or Mike M. Masaoka, added this clause is utter rot.

There is no question that JACL, and indeed Mike Masaoka, sought to create "Better Americans." Hopefully, that is still the aspiration and ideal of all people in the United States today. We want a better America; we want to be a part of that betterment and greatness of America. If we are granted the strength and the wisdom to be able to contribute to the attainment of an ideal America, we want to so contribute.

Masaoka's Policies Still Valid

The general concepts advanced by Mike Masaoka on April 6, 1942 to Milton Eisenhower still stand as valid policies. Surely, to help individuals "to maintain a high and healthy morale," to help "cope with difficult problems of adjustment and rehabilitation after the war," and to work toward development of "a community spirit of cooperative action and service to others before self" are admirable objectives. Hopefully, we are now in the 1980's, beyond the "me too" self-indulgences of the 1970's, which, evidently, our "witness" was and is a part.

It is strange that our "witness" states "Mike Masaoka led the JACL in taking the stand that Japanese America was sacrificing its citizens' rights..." and immediately thereafter quotes Masaoka as writing to Eisenhower "Paradoxically as this may seem, we (JACL/Masaoka) are opposed to Hearing or Determining Boards or Committees which might attempt to determine the loyalty of those in resettlement projects..." Mike M. Masaoka is exactly right in this last statement. Any 2nd year law school student having taken constitutional law, or indeed any school child paying any attention, would know that, in order to make any determination of facts enforceable by law, a jury process is mandated by our Constitution. One cannot and should not be affected by any determination as to feelings, inner-most thoughts, or loyalties.

As to the first allegation that Mike M. Masaoka and the JACL led the Japanese Americans in "sacrificing its citizens' rights," it is contradictory that the witness then quotes Masaoka's writing: *Because of the unusual and unprecedented requests made upon American citizens of Japanese ancestry, special provisions should be made to compensate them for the temporary loss of some of their privileges and rights.*

That is a plain and unequivocal statement of reservation of rights, without any modifications or conditions whatsoever. In effect, this would indicate that Mike M. Masaoka was stating in April, 1942, that redress and reparations should be provided for Japanese Americans. Those who would say that redress was a

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Barrow's testimony on WRA

Testimony of Leland Barrows, a top administrative official with the War Relocation Authority, first under Milton Eisenhower and then Dillon Myer, represents the main WRA input before the Commission, as gleaned from the transcripts of July 14 session in the Senate Caucus Room.

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Mr. Barrows: Well, many of them had some professional background, training, and some of them went into business. I should think though that virtually the whole range of activities that any group predominantly young and educated would get.

Commissioner Mitchell: Then in view of the fact that the statements that we now hear that General Clark and others had protested early that the evacuation itself would seriously weaken the food production for the war purposes. What studies does the Agricultural Department or Conservation Department make of that problem, was it ever studied and has there ever been a study afterwards, after the economic loss because of the evacuation?

Mr. Barrows: Well you see that study had been conducted before the evacuation, it was before the Authority came into existence. I know of none and I know of none since then, but it seems to me personally perfectly obvious that it disrupted food production.

In one little story I did glean from my recent reading is that on the day or a day or two after the war started when the accounts of all aliens in the banks were blocked, the various Issei owned commission houses and fish and the like had suddenly quit—particularly the commission merchants—couldn't buy anything any more because they had no money; and the supply of certain produce dropped to 30 percent of normal within a day or two in Los Angeles.

Well, they released that, they allowed them the magnificent sum of \$100 a month to draw out of their account, plus what they needed to do business and it immediately went back up.

I think there's no doubt about it that there was a loss of production.

Commissioner Brooke: Madam Chairman?

Chair Bernstein: Yes, Senator.

Commissioner Brooke: Did you give them food, clothing and housing in addition to their daily pay?

Mr. Barrows: Oh yes. We not only gave them that small wage, but also a housing allowance of \$2 or \$3 a month for each member of the family.

Civil Rights Commission's Arthur Flemming ousted

WASHINGTON—Arthur J. Flemming, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, was fired by President Reagan on Nov. 16 and will be replaced by Clarence M. Pendleton Jr., president of the San Diego Urban League.

Flemming, 76, had been critical of Reagan's policies in the past. He advocated affirmative action, opposed budget cuts in legal services to the poor and opposed the Education Department's decision to try to avoid enforcing equal employment laws in schools that receive federal funds.

When the announcement of his termination was made, Flemming endorsed busing for integration and admonished Reagan's policies on school desegregation as "in conflict with the Constitution."

That same day, the commission released a report on school desegregation entitled, "With All Deliberate Speed: 1954-1977." At a news conference, Flemming criticized the President's policy of rejecting mandatory busing of school children. He added that the commission "believed strongly that the progress toward the goal

of school desegregation will not be achieved without a clear spirit of national leadership. We appeal to them to make that commitment."

Flemming noted that while federally ordered busing has brought progress, it has also created a backlash among busing opponents and the Reagan Administration has "tended to support" backlash forces in such cities as Houston, Seattle and Chicago.

The Reagan Administration reversed the Carter Administration's support for an area-wide desegregation plan in Houston. In

Seattle, the Reagan Administration supported a state law barring a voluntary busing plan. The Administration also decided to accept a Chicago desegregation plan it once had called inadequate.

Flemming was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission by President Richard M. Nixon in 1974 and had also been President Dwight D. Eisenhower's secretary of health, education and welfare. Flemming currently serves on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

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tion centers were filled with loyal Americans, explained Ennis.

So the Justice Department proposed a program to Congress wherein the Nationality Act could be amended to allow a person renounce citizenship while inside the U.S.

However, explained Ennis, the plan backfired—instead of 1,000 persons applying for renunciation, over 5,000 did—many disgruntled over the fact that they were being detained by the U.S. government.

Ennis said that his department tried to discourage renunciants and held hearings at each of the camps. But about 5,300 persons still renounced their citizenship.

Ennis reiterated his belief that a mass evacuation was unnecessary and that there was "no factual basis for removing the Japanese Americans on a mass scale for security."

Ennis noted the Justice Department was trying to "satisfy the public that the government was taking all matters that (were) necessary."

He added that their moves were not only for the sake of "real security, but (for) a public relations security problem—we were prepared to do a little more than we

personally thought was actually required."

Was FDR Told?

When CWRIC Special Counsel Angus MacBeth asked if anyone from the Justice Department told President Roosevelt that the evacuation was "unconstitutional," Ennis explained that Attorney General Biddle refrained from telling the President this, despite Ennis' urgings.

Biddle did not tell Roosevelt about the unconstitutionality of the evacuation because if "military necessity" was the reason given, then "the courts would uphold it," said Ennis. This reason, in essence, gave the military "a constitutional right to do wrong."

In retrospect, Ennis felt that perhaps Biddle "had not pushed as hard as he could" against evacuation. As for himself, Ennis, who had opposed the evacuation since January of 1942, said that he "didn't see things as clearly" as he does presently.

FSA Regional Director Hewes

Ennis was not the only former official testifying who described his reluctance in carrying out relocation orders. Lawrence I. Hewes, former Western Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration, told the CWRIC Nov. 2 that he "was opposed to the entire evacuation" and he expressed his feelings to an adjutant of Gen.

Nat'l Public Radio to focus on Evacuation

SAN FRANCISCO—A three-hour program on the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans, entitled "America on Trial," will be aired by National Public Radio (NPR) on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m. PST (check local station listings).

The show, produced by KQED-FM here, will feature a panel discussion with representatives of JACL (NCWNPDC redress chair Ben Takeshita and national redress chair Min Yasui), National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and National Council for Japanese American Redress, moderated by UC Regent Yori Wada.

An open call-in period will be held during the broadcast and interviews with Senators Henry L. Jackson (D-Wa.) and S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), Prof. Roger Daniels and CWRIC member Arthur J. Goldberg are scheduled.

Excerpts from testimony given by witnesses in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago and Washington are to be included.

Commissioner Brooke: You had commissaries there that they could supply—

Mr. Barrows: Well, yes. Indeed they had cooperatives eventually run by the communities.

Commissioner Brooke: What about the general strike, general farm strikes surrounding the Tule Lake, did you have any escape attempts in any of these camps, did you have any record of any people attempting to escape?

Mr. Barrows: I don't recall any, although there may have been some. That never struck us as a problem.

Commissioner Brooke: Were there any other uprisings other than this—

Mr. Barrows: Nearly every center had an occasional period of tension and trouble, yes. But usually it was not too serious, and there were really only three that WRA recalls as grave; one was at Poston on the Colorado River; one was at Manzanar, where a man was killed, or two indeed.

Commissioner Brooke: By the Military?

Mr. Barrows: Yes.

And the Tule Lake affair.

There were other cases where there were momentary confrontations, yes.

Commissioner Goldberg: Following Senator Brooke's argument, am I wrong—I'm reading a memorandum of General DeWitt—or no, General McCloy, or Assistant Secretary McCloy, where the clothing allowance, as I read it, was that adult male, \$30.50 per year—

Mr. Barrows: Excuse me, Mr. Justice, but you're reading Military Orders for assembly centers, not WRA.

Commissioner Goldberg: Oh, but this says wages, pay and maintenance of the evacuees, it says at assembly centers. Does this not apply to your centers?

Mr. Barrows: No, sir.

Commissioner Goldberg: How much did you exceed these figures? Can you remember?

Mr. Barrows: Well, as I say, the clothing allowance didn't begin immediately, but when it did I believe it was around \$2 or \$3 per person per month.

Commissioner Goldberg: \$2 or \$3. So it's not much different because the adult male was \$3.25 a month, for a year \$30.50; male 6 to 18, \$2.15 a month, \$25; children—I'd love to have my grandchildren see this—1 to 5 years, \$2.60, \$27.47. Adult female, \$4.61, \$42.19; female 6 to 18, \$2.65 a month, \$26.51. Total cost for a family of five, \$16 a month, \$162 for the year.

I'm not saying this in any critical sense, because I thought the War Relocation Authority really had some job. Would your amounts differ

DeWitt when he was given the assignment, shortly after the signing of E.O. 9066.

Nevertheless, said Hewes, DeWitt later told him that "we are at war; you have received your instructions from your commanding general, and the President has signed the executive order, and that includes you."

Hewes said that his orders of March 15, 1942, were to "institute and administer a program that would insure the continuation of the proper use of agricultural land voluntarily vacated by enemy aliens and other persons designated by (Gen. DeWitt), which will insure fair and equitable arraignment between the evacuees and the operators of their property."

Another order from then Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, in a letter dated March 27, 1942, delegated to Hewes the authority to "do everything reasonably necessary to prevent any crop loss subsequent on evacuation and to reduce to a minimum the spoilage of growing crops."

Unfortunately, Hewes pointed out, the "substitute operators", who took over farms once operated by Japanese Americans, were inexperienced and poorly equipped; therefore, agricultural productivity from these farms subsequently dropped. He added the "quality of the substitute operators was not as good as the previous operators."

In his written statement, Hewes said that he openly supported lending aid to Japanese American farmers, who prior to the war had never requested any help from the government. Because of his sympathy, said Hewes, he was labeled by some as a "Jap lover."

Census Official Speaks

Role of the Census Bureau was also investigated by the CWRIC on Nov. 3, as Calvert L. Dedrick, a census expert detailed by the Bureau to the War Department, testified that he had served as Chief Statistician for the Wartime Civil Control Administration in February 1942 serving to register enemy aliens.

Dedrick was responsible for designing registration and administration procedures, preparation of maps and logistical plans for evacuation and the family and individual intelligence reporting system.

Marutani questioned Dedrick as to whether any information taken from the 1940 Census had been provided to the WCCA concerning Japanese Americans.

Dedrick said that the WCCA did not use information from the Census, which is by law confidential. Rather, "statistical summaries" were gathered.

However, Marutani read a passage from the "Final WRA Report" which said:

"The most important single source of information prior to the evacuation, was the 1940 Census of Population. Fortunately, the Bureau of Census had reproduced a

duplicate set of punched cards (containing information) for all Japanese in the United States shortly after the outbreak of war, and have prepared certain general tabulations for the use of agencies..."

Census Role Noted

Marutani added that Gen. DeWitt called the Census "the most productive bits of information for expediting the evacuation."

Dedrick explained that although he was not assigned to the War Department until February of 1942, he did not believe that any confidential information was released to any other government agencies, nor was any law violated, even though the War Powers Act of spring 1942 allowed Congress to empower other agencies to use data that had already been collected by the Census Bureau.

But Dedrick was aware that the statistics he was gathering for the WCCA would be used for the relocation of Japanese Americans.

So Marutani read a legal provision which stated: "In no case, shall information (not names or addresses) furnished under the authority of this (Census Bureau) chapter, be used to the detriment of the person or persons to such information relates."

Dedrick said that the law applies to such matters as legal suits and the Bureau cannot provide information to attorneys from one party who are seeking to use it against the other party.

Marutani Commentary

So Marutani offered this interpretation to Dedrick:

"That means if 'A' wishes to sue 'B' you can't get that information (from the Census Bureau). But on the other hand, if 'X' wishes to incarcerate 112,000 people, you can get that information."

Dedrick explained that whenever a "special tabulation" on a certain group of people is made, the Bureau tries to protect their confidentiality and that once a "statistical fact" is made on that group—if something happens to that group—it is not the Bureau's fault. He added the United States government would never intentionally use the Census against an individual.

Marutani told Dedrick that "perhaps if I were a Cuban American, and the Census (Bureau) came around, particularly in South Florida, I may leave the space blank, or put something else down, other than Cuban, with this kind of interpretation."

"Then sir," answered Dedrick, "you would be in violation of federal law."

Marutani answered, "Well, it's better than being jailed for certain."

Micheners Both Testify

James and Mari Michener entered their testimony into the record on Nov. 3 as the hearing sessions drew to a close.

Mari (nee Sabusawa) recalled

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materially from that?

Mr. Barrows: Well I couldn't follow you completely, but I thought that was—what did you say the annual figure for a family was?

Commissioner Goldberg: \$162.07.

Mr. Barrows: Well I don't know, I would have to do the arithmetic, let's say they got the middle wages of \$16 a month and there was two, as there often was, people who were on the payroll, and let's say there were three children, and they all got clothing allowances.

Commissioner Goldberg: This says for five.

Mr. Barrows: Well I know. But you see—

Chair Bernstein: Why don't you clarify the difference between the Army instructions on pay, if you will? I think you did before, Mr. Barrows, and the WRA's—

Mr. Barrows: Very doubtless it was similar, but I've never before heard these. We developed our own in light of our needs as we saw them. I think they were a little more generous but maybe not.

To Be Concluded

Shimoda film project now seeking funds

LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications, the non-profit Asian American media organization based here, is seeking funds to complete its documentary film on the life of the late Nisei actor Yuki Shimoda.

A presentation of the project was held Nov. 15 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, wherein the film's co-writers, John Esaki and Akemi Kikumura, announced that the half-hour film would focus on three areas of the distinguished actor's life: (1) as a Nisei, growing up in Sacramento and then being incarcerated at Tule Lake during World War II; (2) highlights of Shimoda's 30-year professional career with clips of his most notable roles, such as in "Farewell to Manzanar", and "A Town Called Alice", and

(3) on the problems that Shimoda as well as many other Asian American actors, face during their careers: typecasting and the difficulties in getting roles.

Esaki noted that an interview with Shimoda, videotaped shortly before his death, was the basis for the project (prior to the interview, Shimoda watched a videotape of the "Yuki Yaki" roast held in his honor by the JACL Pan Asian Chapter and the Tri-District Council in April).

Shimoda's Agent Comments

Shimoda's career, although notable, was one which required much endurance. Guy Lee, Shimoda's agent, said even though the Nisei actor had years of experience on both Broadway and in motion pictures, he was still viewed

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YUKI'S FRIENDS—Friends of the late Yuki Shimoda gather at the JACCC in Los Angeles to help support Visual Communications' planned documentary film on the Nisei actor's life and work (from left): John Esaki, proj. dir.; Wakako Yamauchi; Guy Lee; actor Robert Ito; actress Pat Li; Akemi Kikumura, co-writer of the film; actor Ernest Harada; Dom Magwili; actress Saachiko; Yo Furuta and actor Alvin Ing.

Japan's Yakuza reportedly invading U.S. drug trade

WASHINGTON — The Japanese mafia, or "yakuza," is making its way into the United States and law enforcement authorities fear that the group may help expand the illegal Asian drug trade on the U.S. West Coast, it was reported by a Senate subcommittee Nov. 12.

According to the report appearing in the Los Angeles Times, the study prepared by the permanent investigations subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, indicated members of the yakuza are beginning to appear in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas, and may be moving into heroin sales.

Calling the organized crime group "modern-day successors to the ancient samurai warrior class", Senate staff investigators Eleanor J. Hill and Jack Key said that there is a "growing yakuza interest in the heroin trade" and local law enforcement officials "now believe that Japanese organized crime is successfully filtering large amounts of yakuza money into legitimate business enterprises in the (mainland) United States, Honolulu and elsewhere." Hill and Key had prepared the study for hearings by the Senate panel into international drug trafficking.

Drug Trade Cited

The subcommittee report was supported by testimony from Dennis Morton of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Lt. Richard W. Wright of the Los Angeles Police Department's organized crime intelligence unit, who both feel that the yakuza has the potential to take over the Southeast Asian drug trade.

Morton said the yakuza have the means to smuggle heroin and opium into this country by having couriers pose as tourists. They

only lack a distribution network in the United States, he said.

Wright told the subcommittee that "the yakuza in Los Angeles have been involved in both legitimate and illegitimate enterprises"—the latter including such activities as narcotics, gun smuggling, prostitution and extortion.

'Laundered' Money Hinted

Wright added, "They have laundered money through legitimate businesses. So far their activities have generally been limited to the Japanese business community and the Japanese tourist trade."

However, Wright declined to give specific instances because police investigations are continuing.

The LAPD, as well as other local authorities, have their own problems in keeping this criminal situation under control. Wright said that the LAPD lacks officers who can interview Japanese informants, and California's Prop. 13, which mandated a statewide property tax reduction, caused shortages in personnel and equipment for the department.

108,000 in Yakuza

The Senate staff study said an estimated 108,000 yakuza mem-

'yakuza' or gangster groups of Japan with stories being written by some reporters who really don't have a firm grasp on the situation."

Move Overseas Questioned

Yoshinaga noted that the yakuza, or "giyangu" (a Japanese-English phonetic take-off of the word "gang") is indeed well organized in

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South Bay Keiro hits \$1 million

GARDENA, Ca.—Two generous contributions put the South Bay Nursing Home fund drive over \$1,000,000 on Nov. 17, the campaigners announced. They were \$10,000 from Russell Miller and \$5,528.58 from Royal Golf Club.



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The Autumn Air

Portland, Ore.

Autumn is a season of traditional transitions and dramatic changes. None is more noticeable than the annual transformation of arbor greenery into its brilliant kaleidoscope of ochre opulence. The changing of colors, the crispening of the air, the quickening of pace in cadence to the upbeat rhythm and rites of autumn are all taken in stride, in a matter-of-fact, perfunctory manner. But there is one transition that takes place at this time of year which gives cause for pause on the treadmill of thought. And that is the time-honored tradition—the changing of the guards—within the ranks of JACL. It is one deserving of note.

At the district level, five governors are in the process of passing on their gubernatorial gavel to their successors. Completing their biennial terms, Cherry Tsutsumida, EDA, chair of the Governors' Caucus; Kaz Mayeda, MDC; Em Nakadoi, MPDC; Richard Doi, PNWDC; and Dennis Kunisaki, PSWDC, leave distinguished records of dedicated, diligent service. Their commitment and contributions are greatly appreciated; their presence and positive input on the National Board will be genuinely missed.

Special recognition and sincere thanks are extended to another long and loyal member, Thomas Masuda of Chicago, as he leaves his post on the Nat'l Endowment Fund Committee. His six years of unstinting service has earned him our highest esteem and praise.

Philosophically, we must acknowledge that all things occur in due season. Yet the changing of the guards is a time of mixed emotions. We gratefully salute those leaving our ranks and at the same time enthusiastically offer a warm hand of welcome to those filling their positions. I prefer to metaphorically liken the succession of officers to the rotation of seasons. A recycling, if you will. It is always hoped that JACL's valued resources—members who have evolved into positions of leadership—will revolve into other areas of responsibility and involvement, thereby continually enriching and improving the quality product of our organization.

I am confident that our outgoing members will do so for they are individuals whose commitment transcends transient tenures and changing times. Theirs is a dedication that knows no season.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

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JOB SUMMARY

Under supervision of the National Director, the Youth Director will plan, implement and coordinate programs and activities related to the National Youth Coordinating Council, scholarship, student aid and other projects and programs of interest and welfare of youth of Japanese ancestry in the National Organization and the United States. Responsibilities will include budget, administration, program planning and coordination of youth related activities and services.

DUTIES

- 1) Liaison among the National Youth Coordinating Council, the National Director and the National Board.
- 2) Provide staff services to the National Youth Coordinating Council.
- 3) Administer the JACL Scholarship and Student Aid programs, or any programs related to youth services as assigned by the National Director.
- 4) Provide monthly reports on the activities, plans and needs of youth related projects and programs within the National organization.
- 5) Promote the general welfare, growth and development of youth of Japanese American ancestry.
- 6) Represent the National Director and the National organization as required at assigned meetings and events.
- 7) Perform such other duties as assigned by the National Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Bachelor's degree in a field relevant to working with Japanese American youth or combined experience in youth work, organizational development, training.
- 2) Ability to communicate and work with Japanese American youth, organizational membership and staff.
- 3) Ability to plan, develop and implement projects and programs.
- 4) Knowledge of the history, interests and issues of persons to Japanese ancestry in the United States.

REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Active membership with the Japanese American Citizens League. (2) A valid California Driver's license. (3) Ability to travel periodically.

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APPLICATION

Send resume to above address. Attention: National Director

Letterbox

Asian American Reality

Editor:

I write in rebuttal to Mr. Hosokawa's commentary, *Census count the Asians just don't have* (PC, Oct. 23). He raises an issue that impacts both present and future generations of Japanese Americans. Consequently, I believe it necessary that both sides of the issue be fairly addressed.

Hosokawa essentially asks the question, "Is an Asian-American political coalition feasible?" He answers in the negative, supporting his conclusion with a number of arguments.

He concludes the commentary by boldly asserting, "What all this is likely to mean is that those thinking in terms of an Asian-American political coalition based on common Asian ancestry are chasing an illusion which has scant chance of materializing."

I disagree. What has not been articulated is that the political realities of today demands that such a coalition exist. Arguing the anti-thesis only denies the reality of what has already occurred in the past and present and what must continue to occur in the future. Each particular Asian-American community of course must face specific problems and experiences unique to its own individual group. However, each community is aware that to achieve fundamental political objectives, one must gain the ear of those in positions of power. Consequently, this mandates presenting a single, unified and powerful voice.

Mr. Hosokawa answers that Asian-Americans make up only 3.5 million people within the population of this country, and that even if unified we could not compete with the larger ethnic minority groups. This argument fails to con-

sider the demographic breakdown of where those 3.5 million reside. The majority of Asian-Americans live in a few states on the west and east coast. Furthermore, the demographic breakdown within the major cities of each of those states shows definite geographic concentrations. Formidable voting blocs are not only possible, but already exist.

I am one of those who firmly believes in an Asian-American political coalition. Far from chasing illusions, I consider myself very pragmatic, seeing the world as it is, rather than what it might be. I answer Mr. Hosokawa by saying, it is not those advocating for an

SPEAKING OUT:

Detention Camps-1982

By SHERIDAN TATSUNO

Washington

February 19, 1982. President Reagan declares a national state of emergency to halt the tide of unwanted immigration. The Coast Guard and Navy are ordered to seal off all harbors, ports and coastal border areas. The Air Force sends its gunships along the Mexican border and the Florida Keys. The Army and National Guard cordon off Chinatowns, slums and barrios, with orders to arrest and detain all illegal immigrants. 300,000 Chinese, Mexicans, Haitians and Salvadorans are rounded up into makeshift detention camps, tried, and deported without appeal.

Farfetched? Not quite. According to the Washington Post (Oct. 22), the Reagan Administration is currently asking Congress to give the President emergency powers to bar illegal immigration. The legislation, part of the immigration package, would empower the President to:

- 1—Order the sealing of any harbor, port, airport or road.
- 2—Restrict travel by Americans, both domestically and to any country named in the emergency declaration.
- 3—Place apprehended aliens into detention camps to await deportation hearings, without court review.
- 4—Exempt the government from almost all environmental laws in setting up the camps.
- 5—Authorize boarding of foreign vessels on the high seas to search for illegal aliens, without authority of the foreign country.
- 6—Call out the Army, Navy, Air Force and state and local agencies to assist INS in seizures of vessels, arrests and detentions.

Racism & Political Expediency Resurfacing

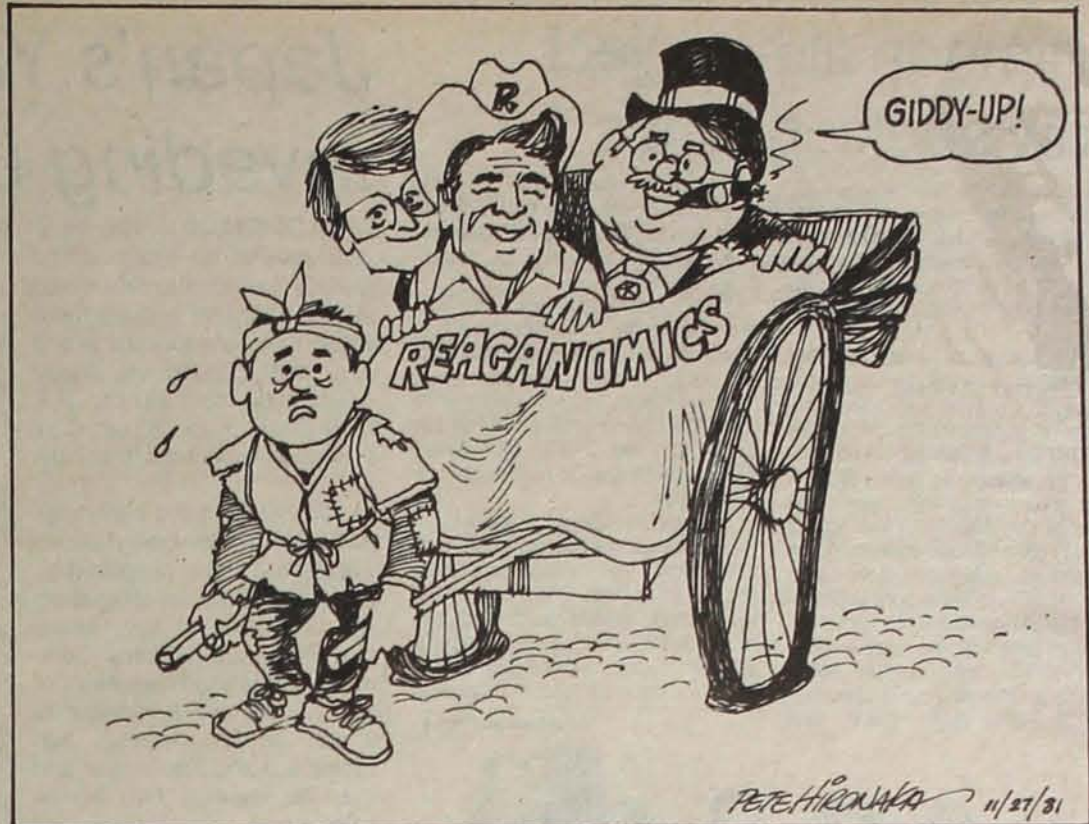
The President could declare an emergency situation any time he determines that "a substantial number of aliens who lack documents authorizing entry to the U.S." are entering the country. \$35 million would be authorized to pay for enforcing these measures.

Do these proposals now circulating on Capitol Hill sound familiar? They should. The "loaded gun" that Yale law professor Rostow warned about is to be taken off the rack and used against the thousands of politically vulnerable immigrants seeking refuge in this country. These people—being mostly from Third World countries—are rapidly becoming scapegoats for this Administration's economic problems.

What we are seeing is the revival of racism and political expediency in its ugliest forms. In the last few years, we have witnessed a resurgence of cross-burnings, shootings of blacks, attacks on Vietnamese refugees and shrimp fishermen, and KKK patrols along the Mexican border. These have been isolated, if not pervasive incidents occurring in the face of official neglect.

But the current proposals are much more serious; they acknowledge and condone repressive measures on a national level. If implemented, they would restrict our civil liberties. Anyone remotely suspected of being an illegal immigrant (usually on the basis of skin color) could be thrown into a detention camp, without appeal or due process. It would make no difference whether one is a citizen, a permanent resident or an undocumented worker. All minorities would be suspect until proven innocent. Korematsu would be deeply engraved into the Constitution.

For those of us in the Nikkei community who have vowed that



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Asian-American political coalition who refuse to face the political realities of today.

ALAN T. OSAKI
Seattle JACL Board Member

For the Record

Our apologies to George Kanegai (West L.A.), who should have been listed among new PSWDC executive board members elected Nov. 14 at Las Vegas JACL-hosted district session and to Gloria Julagay for having erroneously reporting her election to the board. In fact, she was tied with Gene Takamine and then lost in the run-offs.

ASIANS

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of Japanese Americans who, because of their perceived ties with Japan, were interned during World War II.

Ota answered that for all Asian American groups, a balance must somehow be obtained between maintaining one's heritage and becoming a viable economic and political force.

Earlier in November, PAART named its cabinet of officers and board directors, with Mike Woo elected chairman of the organization.

"we will never let this happen again", here is our challenge. The Reagan Administration has not even waited for the ashes of the Redress Commission to cool, because it knows the damning evidence from the hearings would make passage of the proposed detention camp measures more difficult.

Thus, I challenge the Sansei, who have long been critical of the silence of our Nisei parents, to investigate the current proposals, to lobby against them in the Congress, and—if necessary—to fight them in the courts of law, for they are too dangerous to be left alone. Attorney General William French Smith; Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo), Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy; and our Nikkei senators and congressmen are places to start.

We must make sure that detention camps never become a regular part of this country's landscape. If we fail to challenge Reagan now, we may someday find our family and friends in detention camps. After all, 1984 is only three years away.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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JOB SUMMARY

Under supervision of the National Director, the Program Director will be responsible for planning, coordination, and implementation of functions, projects, and services provided by the National organization. Responsibilities will include budget administration, program planning, personnel management, fund raising, and membership services.

DUTIES

- 1) Supervision of support staff at National Headquarters in the operation of the general management of the office.
- 2) Assist in the development of materials and resources related to national programs of the organization.
- 3) Provide staff support to specific JACL projects and committees as assigned by the National Director.
- 4) Develop a monthly report summarizing the activities and status of the National organization, and coordinate its assembly and dissemination.
- 5) Maintain the various operational manuals and policy documents of the National JACL.
- 6) Represent the National Director and the National organization as required at assigned meeting and event.
- 7) Assume the responsibilities of the National Director at National Headquarters in his/her absence.
- 8) Provide information on the National organization to various media sources.
- 9) Perform other duties as assigned by the National Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Bachelor's degree in a field relevant to the work of the National JACL, such as in the humanities, social sciences, business or public administration.
- 2) Background in personnel management, communications, budget and accounting, computers systems and human services for a year.
- 3) Ability to communicate and work with diverse populations in the general public, organizational membership and staff.
- 4) Ability to develop and write reports, grant applications and financial papers.
- 5) Previous experience with non-profit, tax-exempt, public service corporations.
- 6) Knowledge and experience in the history, interests and issues of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

'Many Happy Returns, Norm'

Denver, Colo.

Well, for goodness sake. They threw a fund-raising 50th birthday party for Congressman Norman Mineta in San Jose the other night. Can Norm actually be 50 years old? Whatever happened to the smooth-cheeked youngster who they elected to Congress in '74?

Let's see what the reference books say. Yes, that's right. Norman Y. Mineta, born in San Jose, Calif., on Nov. 12, 1931. That would have made him all of 11 years old at the time of the Great Exodus. That would have made him just short 43 when he was elected to Congress the first time.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Tale of a Tail

Philadelphia

ONCE UPON A TIME, a fire broke out at the edge of the forest in which many animals lived. There was panic, and soon those with the loudest larynx (particularly the jackals and the hyenas) urged a quick "solution": cut off the tails of all donkeys because they might catch fire. The donkeys, understandably, did not think much of this proposal; indeed, many among them pointed out that such would be a gross violation of one of Mother Nature's long-established, immutable laws, namely, that every creature was entitled to his/her birthright of a tail, inviolate. But because the donkeys were vastly outnumbered, and it became evident that if they continued to resist, it might be more than their tails which would be severed, they had no choice. And so, even as the fire was in fact receding, a wholesale circumcision of all donkey tails was indiscriminately carried out—without regard to age, infirmity, sex—and all donkeys were also banned from their usual grazing lands.

A FEW DONKEYS refused to accept the ignominy of such blatant violation of Nature's basic laws, and they appealed to the wise and mighty Animal Sanhedrin for relief, fully expecting that Nature's laws would be upheld and justice done. But, alas, such was not to be: the majority of the Sanhedrin, succumbing to the hysterical clamor of the jackals and the hyenas, engaged in a tortuous rationalizing away of Nature's basic laws and protection, and decreed that every donkey, without exception, should have his/her tail cut and also banned from their grazing

Now mid-way through his fourth term, he's a seasoned Democratic veteran with seniority and respect, looked up to as an expert on budgetary matters. His assignments tell you that: Public Works and Transportation, Committee on the Budget, Select Committee on Intelligence, Deputy Whip at Large.

But if Norm is 50, what about the other Nisei in Congress? The elder statesman in terms of age if not experience is Sam Hayakawa who was no spring chicken when he was elected to the Senate in 1976 in his first try at public office. He was born July 18, 1906, which makes him 75, a venerable age even in these times. If he gets through a tough primary race he will be 76 years old when he seeks

areas. It was a very sad day in the forest, even though many animals did not appreciate this fact.

THE YEARS PASSED. The receding forest fire was snuffed out, with many of these very same donkeys valiantly risking and losing their lives in putting out the fire. And some of Mother Nature's rules were restored to the donkeys and many returned to their former grazing lands, and they prospered. A new generation of animals began to assume control of the forest, including the offspring of the tail-less donkeys. Soon the offspring wanted to know about the tails, but the older donkeys did not wish to speak of it: they were ashamed that among all the proud animals in the forest, they had had their tails chopped off. For, you see, donkeys have pride, too. Very much so. (Indeed, to this day, many of the older donkeys pretend that their tails were never severed and do not wish to recognize reality by seeking to have their tails restored.)

WITH THE SUPPORT of other denizens of the forest who are of goodwill, the donkeys decided to seek restoration of their tails. But some differences immediately arose: whereas the older donkeys wished to determine the "why's" and "how's" of their tail circumcision so that in the future, other animals in the forest would not suffer the same fate—the young donkeys simply wanted to have all tails returned, with no explanations. The young donkeys simply did not wish to learn of the causes, only the results.

Moral: If you don't want your tail caught in the wringer, better find out how the wringer works. #

YASUI

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phenomenon that arose in the 1970's are ignorant of the past. My own case, arising on March 28, 1942, is also deliberately and thoughtfully predicated upon the concept of recourse through law.

JACL's Leadership Role

Our so-called expert "witness" states "The JACL had no power over Japanese America before camp... The JACL became the Nikkei leadership at the government's pleasure, not by any form of popular Japanese American approval." This ignores the founding of JACL during the late 1920's, and the first national JACL conference in Seattle in 1930. True, the JACL did not have power over Japanese Americans in 1942—it did not have before the camps, during the camps, or after the camps. It is completely ludicrous to imply that JACL had or even sought "power"—except the power of influence, of example, of doing. And, there was ample evidence of Japanese American approval for 12 years prior to 1942.

Our fact-ignoring "witness" writes: "Nisei who opposed the JACL's refusal to support the test cases and supported the test cases challenging the camps in the courts were branded 'pro-Axis,' 'un-American,' 'disloyal' by JACL inu informers." This is a macabre distortion.

The most scholarly and dramatic brief filed in the United States Supreme Court was compiled by the JACL, entitled "The Case for the Nisei," headed by Attorney Saburo Kido, then national president of the JACL. Although there were honest differences of opinion as to timing of specific cases, and although it is not certainly conceded that far better selected cases should have been brought, there is no question that there was an outpouring of support by the JACL and by JACL members during 1942 et. seq. Remembering that taking a case to the United States Supreme Court cost more than \$20,000 in 1942 dollars, and knowing that most of us were wiped out financially by evacuation, there was no war chest for JACL to sponsor a test case to the U.S. Supreme Court—but, being unable to initiate a case did not deter JACL leaders and membership in supporting the test cases challenging the camps.

A footnote, too, might be added that the National JACL honored a test case principal in 1952 with the "Nisei of the Bienenium" award—indicating a deeply felt moral commitment to the cause that was advanced—and lost—in 1942-1943.

The "testimony" submitted by the self-styled "expert" witness at the Seattle, Washington, hearings of the CWRIC is a completely vicious, fallacious, and an inflammatory polemic thoroughly discredited by the facts and history, and should be given the attention and credibility it deserves—ignored!

re-election next November.

Senator Dan Inouye, senior in terms of service, is a surprisingly young 57 considering he's been in Washington since 1959 when he became the new state of Hawaii's first Representative. Inouye was only 35 then, and he's still good for many more years of service to country and state.

Hawaii's other senator, Spark M. Matsunaga, is 65, born Oct. 8, 1916. He's been in Congress since 1962 when he won the House seat vacated by Inouye when he ran for the Senate. Matsunaga moved to the Senate in 1976 and is up for re-election in 1982.

That leaves Congressman Bob Matsui of Sacramento, elected in 1978 and re-elected in 1980. Matsui had been a member of the Sacramento city council, vice mayor of Sacramento, chairman of the Committee to Re-elect Rep. John E. Moss (whom he succeeded when Moss retired), and member of the California Democratic Central Committee. His primary Congressional committee assignment is Ways and Means.

What all this amounts to is that the Nisei members of Congress are building seniority which is still so very important in wielding influence, getting important committee assignments, playing ever more key roles in the running of the government. And in view of their good records, it becomes correspondingly more critical to see that they are returned to Washington.

But it is not too early to be thinking about other Nisei capable of moving up the political ladder. That takes time, dedication, determination and money as well as ability and a suitable temperament. Of the five Nisei members of Congress only Hayakawa did not climb to prominence. He was catapulted into the Senate while the rung by rung others paid their dues in service to the party from the precinct level up. It's too late for most Nisei to begin their political apprenticeship, but there probably are a number of Sansei already in the pipeline.

Whoever they are, more power to them. The Nisei already in Congress provide a splendid model of achievement in the face of overwhelming odds. Many happy returns, Congressman Norman Mineta. #

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Nov. 22—Chicago Mayor Kelly receives American Veterans Committee report of racial violence in Garfield Park area; windows to John Yoshino's home smashed two times—first record of violence directed against any Japanese American on racial grounds in Chicago, Mayor informed.

Nov. 22—San Jose State half-back Babe Nomura scores first TD on 55-yd. run through rain-soaked field to set up 13-2 win over Fresno State to win CCAA conference championship and play in New Year Day Raising Bowl game. SJS Jake Kakuuchi plays sturdy game at guard.

Nov. 24—Nat'l JACL Board names JACL Eastern Representa-

tive Mas Satow "acting national secretary", to be based at Headquarters, Salt Lake City, allowing National Secretary Mike Masaoka to devote full time to JACL-ADC legislative program in Washington; west coast chapters to be called to forum on Oyama ruling.

Nov. 25—Calif. Attorney General Rob't Kenny denies issuing recent order to investigate property owned by Nisei in wake of Oyama alien land law decision... Escheat action filed against Mitsuo Akahori's 20-acre farm in Del Rey.

Nov. 25—Calif. supreme court rejects plea to rehear Oyama alien land law case.

Nov. 27—Salt Lake VFW Post 4355 asks repeal of 1943 Utah alien land law, violates fundamental concept of Americanism and restricts rights of persons of Japanese ancestry.

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

'Line' People

The general membership becomes accustomed to the names of the people in the organization with key titles, both staff and officers. These are the names that are printed most often in these pages of the Pacific Citizen or are referenced in various meetings. We get acknowledged for work that we did or didn't do. We also get blamed for things by the same criteria.

With a national holiday like Thanksgiving coming upon us, I think that it would be appropriate to thank the rank and file member and the line staff person for all of the little things that are done to make the big things happen.

When I first arrived at National Headquarters to assume the position of National Director, I knew most of the name players. I had to become acquainted with the people who did the mundane stuff. I have been delighted by the experience.

The line people don't seem to have the same problems that the rest of us do with our ego. They don't become devastated when something that they did is not acknowledged. They are plain folks, very nice and hard working.

One of the aspects that is most impressive to me is the warmth that they extend to each other and to whomever visits our offices. There is a real bond of friendship that has developed that demonstrates itself in a number of ways. In the work situation, it is not uncommon to see the line staff help each other out when the workload shifts on to one person. There is real sensitivity and caring. Others see this. Letters have begun to arrive from Japan from people in the delegation of disabled persons that we recently hosted at Headquarters. The letters are addressed to people like Jane Hara, Julie Mason and Masi Nihei.

If there is a problem at Headquarters, the intervention is inevitably done by Emily Ishida. She does much more than handle membership.

The same kind of support comes out of the support staff in the regional offices. Debbie Erickson in the Washington office has become invaluable. The same is true of Carol Saito in PSW and Alice Esaki in MDC.

The Pacific Citizen gets no less from Tomi Hoshizaki, Mark Saito, Mitsuko Sakai and Mary Imon.

A couple other people should be singled out, if only on the basis of endurance. Jane Ozawa of the Pacific Citizen staff has been with us over 20 years. Frances Morioka has completed her 10th year with the Blue Shield program. Thanks, you guys!

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Waikiki entertainers Teddy and Nanci Tanaka will highlight a "Salute to JACL" hosted by the Honolulu Chapter on Dec. 3 at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

'Salute to JACL' fund-raiser in Hawaii set

HONOLULU—The Honolulu JACL will hold "Salute to JACL," an evening of entertainment to raise funds, Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Waikiki nightclub entertainers Teddy and Nanci Tanaka will headline the event with their East/West blend of contemporary music, performed in both English and Japanese. A \$10 donation includes two drinks, snacks and door prizes.

Tanaka will chair the event, which will also include an opportunity to learn more about the Honolulu JACL. For more info, call Tanaka (808) 682-2888 or chapter president Earl Nishimura 521-2951.

Seabrook to host senior citizen fete

SEABROOK, N.J. — Seabrook JACL hosts its year-end, the Senior Citizen Appreciation Night, on Saturday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. at the Buddhist Church social hall here. Entertainment and a buffet dinner will be served.

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being told by her Long Beach Junior College English teacher at the outbreak of World War II:

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However, her family was sent to Santa Anita Assembly Center, and her brother was forced to sell, within a week, his fruit and vegetable business for a mere \$100.

"I felt shame, humiliation, and

then outrage," said Mari, "that I, an American citizen, without due process of law, was forcibly removed from my home for an internment camp."

She added that the "excuse" given to her that the camps were "for her protection" was "not valid," because the guards there had "their guns pointed inward, not outside."

James told the Commission that the evacuation should be viewed as a "racist move" on the part of leaders because President Roosevelt himself once assured leaders in the German and Italian communities on the East Coast that they would not be removed.

The famed author also said it was an "economic" move, citing the case of Hawaii, wherein busi-

ness leaders there argued against any type of relocation for its Japanese American residents, since it would cripple the territory's work force.

He added that evacuation was also a "suspension of ordinary intelligence" since then Attorney General Earl Warren of California once said that because there was an absence of sabotage on the

West Coast, it was proof that it would eventually take place.

Mr. Michener praised the Commission, since they have an important task ahead: "I'm impressed by the gravity of the undertaking which is in your hands, because many nations are struggling with similar problems and what you decide, will be cited widely."

SHIMODA

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as an Asian first, an actor second.

After his performance in "Farewell to Manzanar," Shimoda should have been offered more

roles, but they never materialized, noted Lee.

However, Shimoda garnered a part in the stage production of "Pacific Overtures" and later signed a contract with Universal Studios. But the stereotyped image still remained, making it difficult to get acting roles.

Lee said that despite these hardships, Shimoda was still a "very warm and lovable person—but also insecure."

"I don't think Yuki realized the impact he made on people," said Lee. "He didn't realize he was (really) an actor until the last few days of his life. His peak was taken away."

After the presentation, a screening of one of Shimoda's last films produced by Franciscan Communications, "Little Friend," was held before an audience of about 30 people. "Friend" is the story of an elderly Issei radio shop owner (Shimoda) living on the West Coast who, prior to and after Pearl Harbor, is harassed by the FBI and local police. During his plight, however, he befriends a young boy (Patrick Brennan, who was present in the audience) and both learn that friendship transcends the boundaries of race and fear.

Contributions to the Shimoda film project may be sent to: The Yuki Shimoda Project, Visual Communications, 244 S. San Pedro St. #309, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012.

Renew JACL Membership

Dec. 12 Christmas fete for Issei-Nisei appreciation

BERKELEY, Ca.—The Berkeley JACL and Nikkei Group jointly host a Christmas luncheon Dec. 12, noon, at North Berkeley Senior Center, Grove St. and Hearst Ave., as their Issei-Sr. Nisei appreciation party, it was announced by David Inouye, chapter president, and co-chair Amy Maniwa and Terry Yamashita.

Pasadena JACL to hold Christmas pot luck

PASADENA, Ca.—The JACL Pasadena Chapter will hold a Christmas pot-luck dinner on Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Harris Ozawa Home, 1490 Wellington Ave. Wrapped white elephant auction items will be welcomed.

John Saito, regional director, installed officers. Bill Sakurai was re-elected. Yuki Sato succeeded Veronica Ohara as Auxiliary president. Henry Nagae heads the earth science section, Ron Sakurai the WLA Sansei JACL. Dr. Robert Funke was emcee. Jean Ushijima (city clerk for Beverly Hills) and Ron Kumataka co-chaired the dinner.

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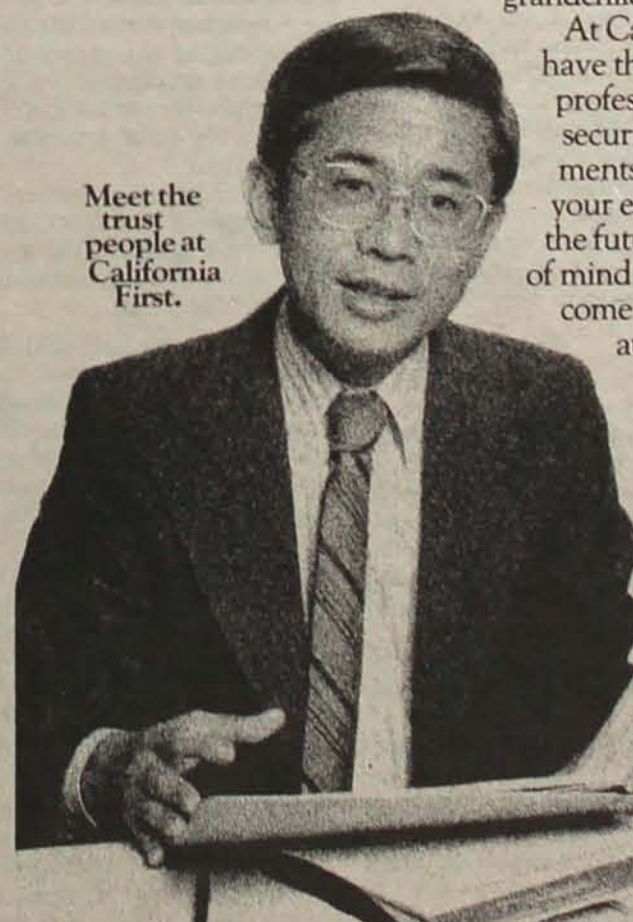
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publican challenger. Seattle Mayor
Charles Royer was easily re-
elected with a 10-3 margin over
challenger Sam Smith.

Medicine

Dr. Yoshio Nakashima, member
of the San Francisco city planning
commission, Dental Advisory
Board of the Calif. Dept. of Health
and active in statewide programs
promoting dental health, was ap-
pointed a Fellow of the Interna-
tional College of Dentists, an hon-
orary group for the recognition
of outstanding service to the pro-
fession. (He is currently JACL's
governor for Northern California-
Western Nevada-Pacific District.)

Organization

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Ca.) was
named to a special U.S.-Japan study
panel, co-chaired by **Richard L.
Sneider**, former U.S. ambassador
to Korea, and former Japan am-
bassador **Shizuo Saito**, to promote
research, discussion and publica-
tion on U.S.-Japan affairs—espe-
cially on security questions for the
U.N. Assn. of the United States and
the Asia Pacific Assn. of Japan.
Ronald K. Kuramoto of Pasa-
dena, Ca., a summa cum laude gra-

Religion

duate from CSU-Long Beach with
a master's degree in political sci-
ence from Univ. of Iowa, was
named PR consultant for fund-
raising activities of the American
Heart Assn.'s campaigns in Metro-
politan and San Gabriel Valley
areas. He is also involved with de-
veloping programs emphasizing
community involvement, PR and
fund-raising. He is the son of the
Ben Kuramotos of Pasadena.

Sports

A Canadian-Japanese sopho-
more linebacker on the UC Berke-
ley football team, **Edward Eugene
Walsh**, 19, was all over the field as
his hapless team was over-
whelmed 34-6 by UCLA at the Coli-
seum Oct. 24. A little over 6 ft. and
weighing 216 lb., he will be facing
his younger brother **Dickie Walsh**,
a freshman tailback at Washing-
ton State, on Nov. 14. Their pa-
rents, Grant and Jean Walsh, have
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Tourists shot and robbed in L.A., S.F.

LOS ANGELES—A tourist couple from Japan were shot down Nov. 18 just two blocks west from the city's Music Center and nine blocks from police headquarters (1st St. and Fremont Ave.).

Kazumi Miura, 28, of Tokyo was taken to County-USC Medical Center in extremely critical condition with a bullet wound in the head. She had been in critical condition after surgery. Her husband, Kazuyoshi, 34, was also admitted with a bullet wound in the left leg and was in fair condition.

According to police, the Miuras had parked their car at 11:45 a.m. and were taking pictures of the downtown skyline when a car containing two young men pulled up.

The men demanded money, but the couple could not understand them. One of the robbers pointed a handgun out the window and shot them. The robbers then turned their car around, got out and took money from Mrs. Miura's purse and her husband's pockets. Officers said that about \$100 in bills were left on the street, as well as the couple's cameras.

In San Francisco, a Japanese tourist, gunned down inside a hotel while struggling with a mugger who tried to take her purse away, was reported in satisfactory condition Nov. 18 recovering from her wounds at San Francisco General Hospital.

Shizuka Okamura, 45, of Osaka, had been shot three times in the leg the night before at the downtown Hilton Hotel, police said. The robber stopped Okamura at an elevator and demanded her purse, but the woman, speaking little English, refused and was then shot.

Preparing for '84 Olympics

In light of the number of visitors to Los Angeles, and in preparation for an even greater influx during the 1984 Olympics, the LAPD is compiling statistics on how many tourists are victimized as part of a new Tourist Safety Program.

The main thrust of the program, however, is teaching visitors how to avoid becoming crime victims, said Officer Jim Slater of the Central Area Crime Prevention Section.

In addition to their statistics compilation, the special section will be working with the Asian Task Force on preparing such informational

services as an inflight movie on safety for Japanese visitors en route to Los Angeles. Brochures would also be available for the tourists and Slater is also consulting with police in San Francisco.

"Our problem with the tourists is the same problem New York has, San Francisco has," said Slater. "Los Angeles has no more problems than other cities, but I think this the first time a major city has done anything about it."

Canada holds man on swindle charge

MONTREAL—A Japanese scholar, Makoto Natori, 35, was arrested here Nov. 6 for various charges of petty swindling around the world. He had lectured in economics until September, 1980, at San Jose State, being fired because he was found to have failed to pay charges for restaurant meals and a car rental in California.

Kyodo News added he borrowed 1,000 Swiss francs in Geneva last July from Japanese correspondents, then fled to Saudi Arabia. He appeared in Seoul in September, borrowing from Japanese businessmen and diplomats. He arrived in Canada Oct. 10 and stayed at the Regent Hotel, Montreal, where he was arrested after failing to pay hotel bills of four days.

U.S. Navy pays kin, survivors of accident

TOKYO—The U.S. Navy paid \$373,913 Nov. 13 to the family of Taizo Noguchi, skipper of the Nissho Maru which was rammed off Kyushu last April by the nuclear submarine George Washington. Also compensated were the 13 survivors from \$25,217 to \$29,130. The Navy previously paid \$373,913 to the family of the other man who was killed in the accident.

YAKUZA

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Japan, but he "wondered if they would want to expand their operation out of the country."

"They (yakuza) might be committing another 'Pearl Harbor' if they decide to expand the sphere of their activities," said Yoshinaga, who added:

"Most of the bosses may feel that they may as well leave alone instead of being off more than they can chew by becoming in-

Gardena church hit by 2nd fire

GARDENA, Ca.—Fire of mysterious origin last week (Nov. 20) struck Gardena Buddhist Church, which was midway in the reconstruction process since the first fire July 12, 1980. The roof was being put into place. The altar pieces were not affected since they are being stored elsewhere.

The previous fire burned everything and an extensive fund-drive was conducted to begin the rebuilding process. (Washington JACL representative Ron Ikejiri's father is president of the Gardena Buddhist Church, who has been in the forefront in the rebuilding effort.) The first temple was one of the Japanese cultural attractions in Los Angeles.

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DEC. 1 (Tuesday)

Milwaukee—Christmas Tree decorations at Governor's Mansion, Madison.

DEC. 3 (Thursday)

Honolulu—Salute to JACL, Pacific Bch Hotel, 5-9:30pm; Gov. George Ariyoshi, keynote.

Stockton—Asn Educ Assn of Sn Joaquin Cnty Forum on Evacuation/Redress, Callison College Lodge; Ben Takashita, main spkr.

DEC. 4 (Friday)

Washington—Smithsonian Institution recital by Suzushi Hanayagi, Japanese classical dancer, Baird Aud. 8pm.

DEC. 5 (Saturday)

Chicago—Inst dnr, Orrington Hotel Evanston, 7pm; Linda Yu, WMAQ-TV news anchorperson, spkr.

Cincinnati—Dayton—Joint inst dnr.

Honolulu—Int'l luncheon, Heritage House, 12n.

New York—Holiday Bazaar, Japanese United Christian Church, 12n-7pm.

Pasadena—Christmas potluck party,

Harris Ozawa res, 6:30pm.

Seabrook—Sr Cit appreciate night, Buddhist Church hall, 6pm.

San Francisco—SFJASC Workshop: Preserving family photo albums. Place to be announced.

DEC. 6 (Sunday)

Pocatello-Blackfoot—Mochitsuki, JACL Hall, 10am.

Monterey Peninsula—Year-end bd dnr.

Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion.

DEC. 9 (Wednesday)

Milwaukee—UW-Milwaukee Inst of Worlds Aff dnr, Pfister Hotel, 7pm; Japan Amb. Yoshio Okawara, spkr.

DEC. 12 (Saturday)

Berkeley—Christmas luncheon, No Berk Sr Ctr, noon.

Diablo Valley—Christmas party, Rancho San Miguel swim club.

Riverside—Theater party, East-West Players.

DEC. 13 (Sunday)

Philadelphia—Christmas party.

Reno—Inst dnr, Ctr for Religion & Life, 6pm; Ron Wakabayashi, spkr.

DEC. 17 (Thursday)

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"After all, they are smart enough to try to get the new money market," commented Yoshinaga, "but also smart enough to avoid the new troubles market."

In Tokyo, nearly 100 U.S. and Japanese law enforcement officials met Nov. 17 to begin a three-

day conference on how to prevent Japanese organized crime groups from making their way into the United States, especially the West Coast and Hawaii.

The meeting is the second annual Japan-U.S. Conference on Organized Crime, and representatives from U.S. Customs Service, FBI, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and local police departments took part.

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